



Hazel Faye Dicken-Garcia

March 4, 1939 - May 30, 2018

Hazel Dicken-Garcia, 79, professor emerita of journalism and mass communication at the University of Minnesota, died May 30 at Our Lady of Peace hospice in St. Paul. She began teaching at the Minneapolis campus in 1978 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate in 1982 and full professor in 1992. She retired from full-time teaching in 2008 but continued to supervise doctoral dissertations until 2011.

She graduated from Berea College in 1961, received a master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1969 and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1977.

She wrote two books *To Western Woods: The Breckenridge Family Moves to Kentucky in 1793* (1991) and *Journalistic Standards in Nineteenth-Century America* (1989), an early, widely cited and award-winning study of the evolution of ethics in journalism. She coauthored two other books *Communication History* (1980) and *Hated Ideas and the American Civil War Press* (2007). She wrote numerous academic articles on media history and supervised numerous doctoral dissertations, many of which have been published as books.

Friends and colleagues of Dr. Hazel Dicken-Garcia will gather for a memorial at 2 p.m. on June 22 at Unity Church-Unitarian, 733 Portland Ave., St. Paul, Minn. 55104. The Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs has asked friends to send her stories or anecdotes to be read at the ceremony. She will pass the unabridged versions of the notes on to the family. She can be reached at

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Clara and Welby Dicken in Albany, Kentucky. She is survived by her three brothers - Clifton, Clayton and Lee Dicken - a sister Letha Gay (Randall) Amonett, their spouses, their eight grown children and more than two dozen grandchildren - Hazel's grandnieces and grandnephews. Her remains will be buried near her parents in the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Clinton County, Kentucky.

Memorials can be sent to the Hazel Dicken-Garcia Fund for the Symposium on the 19th Century Press, the Civil War, and Free Expression, c/o David B. Sachsman, 212 Frist Hall, Dept. 3003, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 615 McCallie Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37403. or the Hazel Dicken-Garcia Graduate Fellowship, to support graduate students in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Minnesota; P.O. Box 860266; Minneapolis, MN 55486-0266.